

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
August 18, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU  
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

**ABSENT:**           **COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to Council:

- 1 - Reappointment to the Development Authority of the North Country, Thomas H. Hefferon
- 2 - Authorizing the City of Watertown to Submit an Application for the NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Program
- 3 - Authorizing Sale of Real Property Known as 164 Main Avenue to Lobut Development, LLC
- 4 - Authorizing Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement
- 5 - Accepting Proposal of First Niagara Benefits Consulting for Actuarial Services
- 6 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 1,760 Sq. Ft. Sales Office and Service Area and Used Car Sales Lot at 1057 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 9-15-101
- 7 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2012-2013 Capital Budget
- 8 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$180,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Construction or Reconstruction of Sidewalks at Various Locations Within the City
- 9 - Approving the Zone Change Request Submitted by Mr. Ryan Churchill, of GYMO, PC, on Behalf of Michael Treanor, Riverview Plaza, LLC, to Include Parcel No. 7-08-109, Located at 497 Newell Street, In the Riverfront Development Overlay District
- 10 - Amending the Code of the City of Watertown Section 310-36, Parking of Motor Vehicles in Required Yards
- 11- Tabled Ordinance – Amending City Municipal Code §293-61, Schedule XIII, Parking Prohibited at All Times Seward Street
- 12 - Monthly Financial Report
- 13 - Fort Drum Connector
- 14 - Executive Session – To Discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Personnel Matters

**COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2008 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Butler and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From Johnny Eaton, 38 Paddock Arcade, concerning the need for dog owners to be responsible to clean up after their pets.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

The following communications were received from the Planning Board:

1. Recommending Council approval for the zone change request to change the approved zoning classification of property located at 497 Newell Street to include the parcel in the Riverfront District Overlay.
2. Recommending Council approval of the site plan submitted on behalf of Al Sharlow for the construction of a 1,760 sq. ft. sales office and service area and used car sales lot at 1057 Arsenal street, Parcel No. 9-15-101 contingent upon certain requirements being met as outlined in the resolution.
3. Recommending Council approval of the site plan submitted on behalf of Michael Treanor of Riverview Plaza LLC for a parking area extension located at 497 Newell Street, Parcel No. 7-08-109 contingent upon certain requirements being met as outlined in the resolution.
4. Advising Council that the Planning Board adopted as motion approving the request of Arsenal Street Associates, LP, for a two-lot subdivision of Parcel Number 9-22-101.1 located at 1283 Arsenal Street.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Wayne Zimmer**, Katherine Street, addressed the chair remarking that the Veteran's Walkway was very clean. However, the area on Huntington Street that was cleaned up about a month ago still has dead brush near the walkway and the garbage cans are full. He asked why the City was going to put \$180,000 into a walkway when the present ones aren't being taken care of.

**Kimberly Okai**, 818 Academy Street, addressed the chair in support of a dog park.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby reappoints Thomas H. Hefferon, 456 Lachenauer Drive, Watertown, New York 13601, to the Development Authority of the North Country commencing immediately and expiring on August 8, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of the resolution to the Development Authority of the North Country.

### **SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Burns thanked Mayor Graham and Mrs. Corriveau for arranging the meeting with the DANC representatives.

Council Member Butler remarked that he would like to have a work session with the representatives every six months.

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the State of New York provides financial aid for municipal waste reduction and municipal recycling projects, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown, herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under the laws, and

WHEREAS it is necessary that a Contract, by and between The People of the State of New York, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY, be executed for such STATE Aid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York, including all understanding and assurances contained in said application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to act as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting Contract, if said application is approved by the STATE, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Municipal Waste Reduction and/or Recycling Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**RULES WAIVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham asked if there was a difference in the recycling vehicles from what we presently have.

Mr. White said that there was no difference in them.

Mayor Graham asked if there was a way to get away from source separation.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that she not aware of any and they are following the County's lead.

**Resolution No. 3 on the agenda was not introduced or seconded.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Police Department participates in the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force, and

WHEREAS as a member of the Task Force, the Watertown Police Department has been involved with a number of drug arrests where the federal government has seized assets, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Watertown Police Department have agreed to equally share the seized assets, and

WHEREAS by entering into a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement, the City of Watertown Police Department can receive its share of the federally forfeited assets, and

WHEREAS the Agreement will be valid through July 31, 2011,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Chief Goss answered questions concerning the sharing agreement. He explained that all drug seizures by the Metro-Jeff Drug Task Force go to the County. However, this agreement pertains to a patrol officer or a detective in the Watertown Police Department making the arrest. Prior to 1997, all applications were made through the District Attorney's Office and the money was spent at the D.A.'s discretion. An agreement was reached among the D.A., the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Watertown Police Department to equally share the funds received through the program. This resolution would authorize the Watertown Police Department to participate. It was explained that all the funds from this program for the City come into the City Comptroller's Office and are only released with approval of the City Manager and the City Comptroller. Chief Goss explained that the funds can not be used for salaries or for already budgeted equipment.

Council Member Burns asked how many officers were on the task force from the City and the County.

Chief Goss advised that each has three officers on the task force and the County also has an investigator on it.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.**

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of local municipalities to comply with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and

WHEREAS the Government Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 45 "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions" (OPEB) which requires the City to obtain an actuarial analysis biennially of the City's post employment health benefits beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and,

WHEREAS the City has solicited proposals for the services of qualified health benefit actuaries to comply with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45 for the fiscal years ending 2008-09 and 2010-11, and

WHEREAS a proposal has been received from First Niagara Benefits Consulting to provide to the City an actuarial analysis of the City's post employment health benefits in accordance with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, in the amount of \$7,500 for Fiscal Year 2008-09, and \$7,500 for Fiscal Year 2010-11, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with First Niagara Benefits Consulting for the purpose of providing to the City an actuarial analysis of the City's post employment health benefits in accordance with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, in the amount of \$7,500 for Fiscal Year 2008-09, and \$7,500 for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked if 2009-10 had not been mandated.

Mr. Mills explained that New York State has only required biennially.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS Charles L. Fluno, P.E., has made an application for site plan approval on behalf of Al Sharlow, for the construction a 1,760 sq. ft. sales office and service area and used car sales lot at 1057 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 9-15-101, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meetings held on August 5, 2008 and August 11, 2008, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

1. An erosion control plan must be submitted for review and approval of the City Engineer before the issuance of a building permit.
2. A maintenance and protection of traffic plan must be submitted for review and approval of the City Engineer before the issuance of a building permit.
3. The area of the street right-of-way along Casey Street that the applicant covered with crushed stone must be restored to grass before the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on June 24, 2008, and the board adopted a motion that the project does not have any significant County-wide or intermunicipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2 and has determined that the project, as submitted is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed construction and parking area extension constitute as an Unlisted

Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Charles L. Fluno, P.E., on behalf of Al Sharlow, for the construction a 1,760 sq. ft. sales office and service area and used car sales lot at 1057 Arsenal Street, Parcel No. 9-15-101, as shown on the plan submitted to the City Engineer on August 7, 2008 with the conditions recommended by the City Planning board.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked if there had been any input from the neighbors in that area.

Mayor Graham remarked that some of the neighbors were present this evening.

Michael Ryan, Jr. 114 Smith Street, addressed the chair on behalf of his parents who reside at 116 Casey Street. He explained that his parent's property line is directly behind the property being proposed for the car lot. He said that they had concerns about traffic, noise and lighting and have attended some of the Planning Board meetings. Due to their concerns, the buffer zone was increased to 15 feet. Mr. Ryan advised that the changes that the Planning Board made were acceptable to his parents.

Council Member Butler remarked that historically, we have had problems on Arsenal Street and he wants to make sure that the folks near there are totally comfortable with this.

Mr. Ryan responded that his parents were as comfortable as they could be with this going in next to them.

Council was also advised that the Engineering Department would monitor the contingencies that are required in the resolution.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION UNTIL THE FULL COUNCIL COULD DISCUSS IT.**

**THERE WAS NO SECOND**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AND DEFEATED WITH COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS AND MAYOR GRAHAM VOTING YEA AND COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER VOTING NAY**

Mayor Graham asked that this resolution be reintroduced at the next Council meeting.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS on June 2, 2008 the City Council adopted the Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2012-13 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS during the ensuing months, the Department of Public Works has determined that a 1991 John Deere front end loader scheduled to be replaced in FY 2009-2010 is in need of \$17,000 worth of replacement and repair work, and

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Public Works, Eugene P. Hayes and Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, Peter Monaco, have requested authorization to substitute the replacement of the Front End loader for the planned replacement of a Single Axle Dump truck contained in the Capital Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2012-13 Capital Budget is amended to include this substitution as detailed on the attached Capital Budget Detail Sheet.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

## **ORDINANCES**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying the cost of the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks at various locations within the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$180,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$180,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$180,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 24 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.



Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied upon abutting property owners of such sidewalks a special assessment to pay such portion of the principal of and interest on such obligations, as the same become due and payable, as shall be established in proceedings under Section 93 of the City Charter.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in

such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.**

**LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM**

BE IT ORDAINED where Mr. Ryan Churchill, of GYMO, PC, has made an application on behalf of Michael Treanor, Riverview Plaza, LLC, by petition filed with the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 83 of the New York General City Law to include Parcel No. 7-08-109, located at 497 Newell Street, in the Riverfront Development Overlay District, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown considered the zone change request at its meeting held on August 5, 2008 and recommended that the City Council approve the zone change as requested, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed zone change on September 2, 2008, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS the City Council has made a declaration of Negative Findings of the impacts of the proposed zone change according to the requirements of SEQRA,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the zoning classification shall be changed to include Parcel No. 7-08-109, located at 497 Newell Street, in the Riverfront Development Overlay District, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Zoning Map of the City of Watertown shall be amended to reflect the zone change, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Watertown shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS Section 310-36 of the Code of the City of Watertown, New York prohibits parking of motor vehicles in front yards within Residence, Limited Business, and Health Services Districts, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Watertown to also prohibit parking in side yards and rear yards that abut public streets for the same reason that it is prohibited in front yards, and

WHEREAS the City Planning Board reviewed the proposed amendment to Section 310-36 of the Code of the City of Watertown at its August 5, 2008 meeting and adopted a motion recommending that the City Council approve the change, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board has reviewed the proposed amendment, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, after due public notice,

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**NO MOTION WAS MADE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 293-61, SCHEDULE XIII, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES SEWARD STREET**(Introduced on August 4, 2008; tabled; appears in its entirety on page 176 of the 2008 Minutes Book)

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**Fort Drum Connector**

Mayor Graham referred to the request for the City's input for the Fort Drum connector to be designated as Interstate 781. He stated that it will be better as a limited access highway. However, the City should have no say in it.

Council Member Burns agreed stating that it is not appropriate for the City to take a stand on the issue.

**Downtown Streetscape Project**

Council Member Burns asked that the City Manager supply Council with a brief weekly update concerning this project.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the fountain is scheduled to be put back in on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She also advised that after talks with Mr. Lumbis, Mr. Hauk and the Electric Department, it was decided that four lights would be placed in the water of the fountain. The lights will be programmed to change colors.

Council Member Butler asked about landscaping on the small islands.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the small islands now have asphalt on them. This asphalt is the base for the pavers that will be placed there. The small islands will not have landscaping due to the small area and the fact that the salt is thrown up on them in the winter.

**Walkway from Summit Woods**

Council Member Butler asked about the letter that was sent out from Mr. Lumbis to people in the Iroquois Avenue area concerning the possibility of a walkway from Summit Woods. He remarked that the people he spoke with were adamantly opposed to it and had been under the

impression that since Council was not in favor of it, it wasn't going to happen.

Mayor Graham remarked that if a walk is not put in, there will be a defacto path there. He also remarked that when Council seemed to be opposed to it, he had asked that a sidewalk be placed on Washington Street so students are not walking in the roadway.

Council Member Burns remarked that she agrees with the sidewalk being placed on Washington Street.

Peter Monaco, Watertown School District Board of Education President, addressed the chair stating that the developer had contacted the school about sidewalks and was told that the district had nothing to do with it. He also explained that K-4 would probably be bused, but the older students would not be.

### **Conditions at the Fairgrounds**

Council Member Butler remarked that he had received a complaint that the bathrooms and the grandstands were dirty at the fairgrounds during a recent softball tournament.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the individuals who contracted to use the facility were the ones responsible for maintaining the bathrooms.

Council Member Butler remarked that the City should have a nice facility that accommodates people using the fields and suggested that bathroom facilities should be closer to the fields so the people wouldn't have to walk as far.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that if Council wishes they could talk about building a new facility or bringing in portable facilities.

Council Member Butler remarked that this goes along with long term plans to spruce it up.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that this could be looked at in next year's capital budget.

Mayor Graham remarked that the ultimate problem is that when the restrooms are deficient, it reflects on the City.

Council Member Butler suggested having a conversation with the Wizards and sending someone over from Recreation to inspect the grandstands.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

#### **MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH**

**ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.  
BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER  
BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

*Donna M. Dutton*  
City Clerk